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SUBJ: GOI REACTION TO RABBI KAHANE PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON RESPONDED TO THE STATEMENTS MADE BY RABBI KAHANE AT HIS TEL AVIV PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 10 (REFTEL) WITH A STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN RELEASED AS A PRESS BULLETIN BY THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR YIGAL ALLON, TODAY ISSUED A STRONG REBUTTAL OF THE THREATS VOICED YESTERDAY BY RABBI KAHANE IN THE COURSE OF A PRESS CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV, THAT THE "JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE" WOULD CARRY OUT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN THE U.S. AND EUROPE, INCLUDING KIDNAPPINGS.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED THAT THREATS AND ACTS OF THIS KIND WERE UNACCEPTABLE IN THEMSELVES, AND WERE SEVERELY SABOTAGING THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S AND ISRAEL'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION, AND FOR ENDING PERSECUTION OF ITS ACTIVISTS.

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4. MR ALON NOTED THAT ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE DIASPORA HAVE CONDUCTED, ARE CONDUCTING AND WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT A PERSISTENT AND ENERGETIC STRUGGLE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS OF ZION IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND TO END THE PERSECUTION OF ACTIVISTS FOR THAT CAUSE THERE, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE FREEDOM OF EVERY JEW IN THE SOVIET UNION WHO SO DESIRES, TO EMIGRATE. THIS FIGHT, WHICH WAS JOINED ALSO BY PROMINENT INTERNATIONAL BODIES, WILL CONTINUE RELENTLESSLY UNTIL ITS AIMS SHALL HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND THREATS LIKE THOSE VOICED IN RABBI KAHANE'S PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY WILL ONLY CAUSE VITAL ALLIES TO DISTANTIATE(SIC) THEMSELVES FROM OUR STRUGGLE, AND THUS GRAVELY HARM THE STRUGGLE ITSELF.

5. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CALLED UPON THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO REJECT, IN SPIRIT, THEORY AND IN PRACTICE, THE reprehensible methods adopted by RABBI KAHANE AND HIS LEAGUE. END TEXT.

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